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Please review the below important AHCCCS Testing Updates, Reminders and Requests:

1. Just a reminder, it is not necessary to zip your Encounter files. It is fact the preference of the Mercator team that these file only be zipped if you need to do so.
2. The new BBA File Certification Testing begins Monday, March 8th. This means that any Encounter test files your submit must have an accompanying email certification. If you have any questions about this process as designed, please refer



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again to the attached documentation as presented in the Consortium meeting.

For testing purposes please provide us with those individuals you want for test purposes only clearly defined in an email as soon as possible in order to facilitate the processing of your test files. For production purposes please send the appropriate individual email contact information to the Encounter Unit, as defined in the Consortium meeting.

3. Please note that during HIPAA Encounter Testing we encourage the testing of the pend correction process in addition to 837 submissions as applicable.
4. Please notify us as soon as possible as to your individual health plans projected go-live dates for the 837 and U277 transactions. We will begin discussions of contingency planning in next weeks Consortium meeting and would like to have some idea of readiness prior to that time.

Thanks, please let me know if you have any questions. Have a great weekend!